

OMB Number: 1219–0030.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Annual Respondents: 6.

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Annual Responses: 3,960.

Annual Time Burden: 2,112 hours.

Annual Other Burden Costs \$6,000.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the proposed information collection request; they will become a matter of public record and be available at <https://www.reginfo.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

[OMB Control No. 1219–0026]

Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Ground Control for Surface Coal Mines and Surface Work Areas of Underground Coal Mines

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed collections of information, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments on the information collection entitled Ground Control for Surface Coal Mines and Surface Work Areas of Underground Coal Mines.

DATES: All comments must be received on or before February 25, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning the information collection requirements of this notice may be sent by any of the methods listed below. Please note that late comments received after the deadline will not be considered.

- **Federal E-Rulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments for docket number MSHA–2024–0067.

- **Mail/Hand Delivery:** DOL–MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 201 12th Street South, 4th Floor West, Arlington, VA 22202–5452. Before visiting MSHA in person, call 202–693–9455 to make an appointment.

- MSHA will post all comments as well as any attachments, except for information submitted and marked as confidential, in the docket at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: S. Aromie Noe, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, MSHA, at MSHA.information.collections@dol.gov (email); (202) 693–9440 (voice); or (202) 693–9441 (facsimile). These are not toll-free numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

A. Legal Authority

Section 103(h) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act) as amended, 30 U.S.C. 813(h), authorizes the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) to collect information necessary to carry out its duty in protecting the safety and health of miners. Further, section 101(a) of the Mine Act, 30 U.S.C. 811(a), authorizes the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) to develop, promulgate, and revise, as may be appropriate, improved mandatory health or safety standards for the protection of life and prevention of injuries in coal, metal and nonmetal mines.

B. Information Collection

In order to fulfill the statutory mandates to promote miners' health and safety, MSHA requires the collection of information under the information collection request titled "Ground Control for Surface Coal Mines and Surface Work Areas of Underground Coal Mines." The information collection is intended to ensure that mine operators are properly maintaining the highwalls, pits, and spoil banks of surface coal mines and underground coal mines with surface work areas so that a safe environment is provided for mine employees, management, and others who visit the mine property. Mine operators are required to (1) develop ground control plans for highwalls, pits, and spoil banks and (2) submit the ground control plans. Details on the two requirements are following:

1. Development of Ground Control Plans of Highwalls, Pits and Spoil Banks

Under 30 CFR 77.1000, each operator must establish and follow a ground control plan for the safe control of all highwalls, pits and spoil banks, which must be consistent with prudent engineering design and will ensure safe working conditions. The mining methods employed by the operator must be selected to ensure highwall and spoil bank stability.

2. Submission of Ground Control Plans

Under 30 CFR 77.1000–1, the mine operator must file a copy of the ground control plan, and revisions thereof, with the MSHA District Office in which the mine is located, and must identify: the name and location of the mine; the MSHA identification number if known; and the name and address of the mine operator.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

MSHA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection titled "Ground Control for Surface Coal Mines and Surface Work Areas of Underground Coal Mines." MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information has practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of MSHA's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Suggest methods to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

The information collection request will be available on <https://www.regulations.gov>. MSHA cautions the commenter against providing any information in the submission that should not be publicly disclosed. Full comments, including personal information provided, will be made available on <https://www.regulations.gov> and <https://www.reginfo.gov>.

The public may also examine publicly available documents at DOL–MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances, 201 12th Street South, 4th

Floor West, Arlington, VA 22202-5452. Sign in at the receptionist's desk on the 4th Floor via the West elevator. Before visiting MSHA in person, call 202-693-9455 to make an appointment.

Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

III. Current Actions

This information collection request concerns provisions for Ground Control for Surface Coal Mines and Surface Work Areas of Underground Coal Mines. MSHA has updated the data with respect to the number of respondents, responses, time burden, and burden costs supporting this information collection request from the previous information collection request.

Type of Review: Extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

OMB Number: 1219-0026.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Annual Respondents: 349.

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Annual Responses: 349.

Annual Time Burden: 2,398 hours.

Annual Other Burden Costs: \$663.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the proposed information collection request; they will become a matter of public record and be available at <https://www.reginfo.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2009-0025]

UL LLC: Grant of Expansion of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to expand the scope of recognition for UL LLC as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL).

DATES: The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on December 27, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

Press inquiries: Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor, telephone: (202) 693-1999; email: meilinger.francis@dol.gov.

General and technical information: Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, phone: (202) 693-2300 or email: robinson.kevin@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Notice of Final Decision

OSHA hereby gives notice of the expansion of the scope of recognition of UL LLC (UL), as a NRTL. UL's expansion covers the addition of one test site to the NRTL scope of recognition.

OSHA recognition of a NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified in 29 CFR 1910.7. Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within the scope of recognition. Each NRTL's scope of recognition includes (1) the type of products the NRTL may test, with each type specified by the applicable test standard and (2) the recognized site(s) that has/have the technical capability to perform the product-testing and product-certification activities for test standards within the NRTL's scope. Recognition is not a delegation or grant of government authority; however, recognition enables employers to use products approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require product testing and certification.

The agency processes applications by a NRTL for initial recognition, as well as for an expansion or renewal of recognition, following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the agency publish two notices in the **Federal Register** in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides the preliminary finding. In the second notice, the agency provides the final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL's scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. OSHA maintains an informational web page for each NRTL,

including UL, which details that NRTL's scope of recognition. These pages are available from the OSHA website at <https://www.osha.gov/dts/otpc/nrtl/index.html>.

UL submitted an application, dated November 29, 2022 (OSHA-2009-0025-0066), to expand recognition as a NRTL to include one additional test site located at: Uiwang (LAB), Obongsandan 1-Ro, 42, Uiwang-Si, Gyeonggi-Do Uiwang 16079, South Korea. OSHA staff performed an on-site review of UL's testing facilities at UL Uiwang on May 8-9, 2024, in which assessors found some nonconformances with the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7. UL has addressed these issues sufficiently, and OSHA staff has preliminarily determined that OSHA should grant the application.

OSHA published the preliminary notice announcing UL's expansion application in the **Federal Register** on October 25, 2024 (89 FR 85249). The agency requested comments by November 12, 2024, but it received no comments in response to this notice. OSHA is now proceeding with this notice to grant expansion to UL's scope of recognition.

To obtain or review copies of all public documents pertaining to the UL expansion application, go to www.regulations.gov or contact the Docket Office (202) 693-2350 (TTY (877) 889-5627. Docket No. OSHA-2009-0025 contains all materials in the record containing UL's recognition.

II. Final Decision and Order

OSHA staff examined UL's expansion application, conducted a detailed on-site assessment, and examined other pertinent information. Based on review of this evidence, OSHA finds that UL meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of recognition, subject to the specified limitations and conditions. OSHA, therefore, is proceeding with this final notice to grant UL's scope of recognition. OSHA limits the expansion of UL's recognition to include the site at Uiwang, Korea as listed above. OSHA's recognition of the site limits UL to performing product testing and certifications only to the test standards for which the site has the proper capability and programs, and for test standards in UL's scope of recognition. This limitation is consistent with the recognition that OSHA grants to other NRTLs that operate multiple sites.

A. Conditions

In addition to those conditions already required by 29 CFR 1910.7, UL